

Licensing Your Dog(s)

The law requires all dogs six months or over to be licensed in Arlington annually.

New Registrations

If you need to register your dog(s) for the first time, you can download the application or contact the Town Clerk's Office for assistance.

- Puppies should register at six months of age
- Dogs that move to Arlington should register promptly (30 days)

Certification Required Upon Registration (copies are OK):

Certificate of Spaying/Neutering - Only required once at the initial registration

Certificate of Anti-Rabic Vaccination is required and is the responsibility of the owner to provide

License Period: January 1 to December 31

Your annual dog license, i.e. dog tag, is valid from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Renewal notices are sent annually by email (if provided) or USPS mail to all dog owners on file at the Clerk's Office in November. Applications must be returned with the appropriate fee and certificate(s). See below.

Grace Period: 45 business days following the deadline to complete registration

**** A late fee of \$25 will be applied, in addition to the Annual License Fee****

- If your renewal application and payment is not received by 7pm on March 10, 2022
- If you do not license a puppy by the age of six months
- If you do not register a dog older than six months within 30 days of moving to Arlington
- A separate fine of \$25 is due if an entire year is skipped, along with the missing annual fee

Annual License Fees

Unaltered Dogs: \$20

Dogs, Neutered/Spayed: \$15

Senior Citizen Owner 70+: No charge to license, but late fees apply

Replacement dog tags: \$2

Renewal Process

The form we send (by email or mail) will contain the information we have on file. Return the form, with any changes noted, and the Clerk's Office will mail the new tags. Please note Vaccination Certificate(s) are valid for different terms, and you only need to provide a copy when it has expired. The date will be noted on the application form. If your email is on file we will email reminders prior to the deadline.

A Renewal or New Registration Should Include:

- official application form(s)
- payment – check or money order payable to Town of Arlington or cash (exact amount if by mail)
- certificate(s) if required (spay/neuter for first registration; rabies when expired)
- self-addressed stamped envelope to receive the license(s), your certificate(s), and tag(s)

To Register by mail: Town Clerk, 730 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington MA 02476. Or use the black metal dropbox located in the Academy St parking lot to the right of the carport, next to the bike racks.

Please contact Denise at 781-316-3074 or dhouser@town.arlington.ma.us if you have moved or your dog is deceased, and she will update the record.

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